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NOTICE OF MEETING
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

February 25, 2010
10:00 AM
1/ State Capitol, Room 112
Sacramento, California 95814

PRELIMINARY AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM NO.

1. Roll Call
2. Funding Status — Informational
3. Special Project Planning Account — Informational
- *4. Proposed Consent Calendar (Items 4—11)
- *5. Approval of Minutes — November 17, 2009
- *6. Recovery of Funds

* Proposed Consent Calendar

1/ These facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities

- *7. Clear Lake Conservation Area, \$0.00
Expansion 1
Lake County

To consider the acceptance of a donation from Lake County Watershed Protection District of a conservation easement over 102± acres to protect a historic wetland habitat, located just northwest of the community of Nice, in Lake County.

- *8. San Jacinto Wildlife Area \$0.00
Riverside County

To consider vacating and setting aside the Wildlife Conservation Board's (Board) February 15, 2007 approval of the California Waterfowl Association's application for a grant to construct the San Jacinto Wetlands Restoration Project (Project) on a portion of the Department of Fish and Game's San Jacinto Wildlife Area, as required by the Peremptory Writ entered on November 10, 2009, in *Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley v. California Department of Fish and Game, Wildlife Conservation Board, et al.*, Riverside County Superior Court Case No. RIC 477696. The Board recovered the unexpended balance of funds allocated to the Project, in the amount of \$54,762.50, on November 17, 2009.

- *9. Lower Colorado River Ecological Reserve, \$5,000.00
(Travis Donation)
Riverside County

To consider the acceptance of a donation to the State of two parcels of land totaling 84± acres to protect cottonwood and mesquite woodlands and riparian habitat, located just east of Highway 95 and along the Lower Colorado River, near the City of Blythe, in Riverside County. The proposed funding source allows for the acquisition and restoration of land and water resources necessary to meet State obligations related to California's allocation of water from the Colorado River. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Proposition 50), Section 79568]

- *10. Western Riverside County MSHCP (2006), \$5,000.00
Expansion 1
Riverside County

To consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Conservation Planning Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant the federal funds to the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority to acquire 49± acres to protect threatened and endangered species and wildlife linkage corridors, located within the

Western Riverside County's Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan area, adjacent to the City of Temecula, in Riverside County. The proposed funding source allows for acquisitions or grants to implement or assist in the establishment of Natural Community Conservation Plans. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Section 75055(c)]

- *11. Iron Mountain Wildlife Area, \$15,000.00
Expansion 4
San Diego County

To consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Conservation Planning Land Acquisition grant and the application of those funds to acquire 311± acres as an expansion to the Department of Fish and Game's Iron Mountain Wildlife area, for the purposes of protecting undisturbed grasslands, chaparral, oak woodlands, vernal pools and riparian habitat in the San Vicente Creek watershed, located near the community of Ramona, in San Diego County. The proposed funding source allows for acquisitions or grants to implement or assist in the establishment of Natural Community Conservation Plans. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Section 75055(c)]

- 12. Sierra Crest Conservation Easement, \$6,430,000.00
Phases I and II
Sierra and Nevada Counties

Conditional Allocation – Subject to Availability of Funds

To consider the conditional allocation for a grant to the Truckee Donner Land Trust, subject to the availability of bond funds, for a cooperative project with the Department of Fish and Game and the Northern Sierra Partnership to acquire a conservation easement over 4,365± acres of commercial timber land to promote sustainable harvesting practices, secure wildlife migration corridors, and provide public access along a two mile section of the Pacific Crest Trail, located in the vicinity of Jackson Meadows Reservoir north of the Town of Truckee, in Nevada and Sierra Counties. The proposed funding source for this project allows grants that promote the stability of California's diverse native forests through conservation, preservation and restoration, including conservation of water resources and natural habitats for native fish, wildlife and plants. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Section 75055(a)]

13. Wetland Conservation Easement Program, \$640,000.00
Holmstead Farms #4
Yuba County

To consider the State's acquisition of a conservation easement over 260± acres of privately-owned land for a cooperative project with Ducks Unlimited, Inc. to protect seasonal and semi-permanent wetlands and upland grasslands, located in the community of Loma Rica, in Yuba County. The proposed funding sources allow for the acquisition, enhancement or restoration of wetlands and associated upland habitats [Inland Wetlands Conservation Fund, and Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Section 2786(d), IWCP]

14. Clarksburg Public Access Improvements, \$232,000.00
Phase II
Yolo County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the County of Yolo for the construction of infrastructure necessary to support a full-time volunteer park host at the Clarksburg Boat Launch Facility, located on Department of Fish and Game-owned land on the Sacramento River, approximately five miles south of the City of Clarksburg, in Yolo County. The proposed funding source for this project allows for the development of public access fishing related improvements. [Wildlife Restoration Fund]

15. Liberty Island \$10,000.00
Solano and Yolo Counties

To consider the acceptance by the State of a donation of fee title to approximately 5,030 acres from the Trust for Public Land to protect riparian and upland delta habitat on Liberty Island, located just west of the Sacramento Deep Water Shipping Canal, south of the City of Davis, in Yolo and Solano Counties. The proposed funding source allows for acquisitions or grants to implement or assist in the establishment of Natural Community Conservation Plans. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Section 75055(c)]

16. Boulder Bay Fishing Pier \$132,000.00
San Bernardino County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the City of Big Bear Lake for the development of an accessible floating fishing dock at Boulder Bay Park, located on the south shore of Big Bear Lake, in San Bernardino County. The proposed funding source for this project allows for the development of public access fishing related improvements. [Wildlife Restoration Fund]

17. Willow Hole Conservation Area, \$5,000.00
Expansion 1
Riverside County

To consider the acceptance of a U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Conservation Planning Land Acquisition grant and the approval of a subgrant to the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission to be applied toward the acquisition of 45± acres to protect and enhance existing regional wildlife linkages and aeolian and fluvial sand transport areas within the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Preserve reserve area, located southeast of Desert Hot Springs and north of Highway 10, in Riverside County. The proposed funding source allows for acquisitions or grants to implement or assist in the establishment of Natural Community Conservation Plans. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Section 75055(c)]

18. San Diego County MSCP/HCPA (2009), \$20,000.00
(Helix-Lambron and Wildcat Canyon)
San Diego County

To consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Conservation Planning Land Acquisition grant and approval to subgrant the funds to the County of San Diego and the Audubon Society of San Diego to facilitate their acquisitions of two properties totaling 180± acres to help implement the San Diego County Multiple Species Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan by protecting critical wildlife corridors and habitat for threatened and endangered species, in southern San Diego County. The proposed funding source for this project allows for acquisitions or grants to implement or assist in the establishment of Natural Community Conservation Plans. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Section 75055(c)]